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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: US DEBATE ON CAMBODIA AND

WASHINGTON POST EDIT

1. YUGOSLAV MEDIA DEC 7 DEVOTE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO POST-PONEMENT OF UN DEBATE ON CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION. BELGRADE LEADING DAILY POLITIKA CARRIES FRON-PAGE GUSTINCIC ACCOUNT OF UN ACTION, WHICH INCLUDES YUGOSLAV ENVOY JOB STATEMENT THAT PROCEDURAL MANEUVER WAS "AMBUSH" WHICH DID NOT PERMIT "FAIR CHANCE TO DEBATE." TANJUG REPORT OF MOJSOV STATEMENT IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO GIVEN WIDE PLAY IN YUGOSLAV PRESS.

3. EDITORIALS REACT SHARPLY TO DEC 1 WASHINGTON POST CAMBODIA EDIT, PARTIALLY CARRIED IN DEC 3 "RED TANJUG". POLITIKA'S DEC 7 COMMENTARY (D.S.) SUGGESTS POSSIBLE ULTERIOR MOTIVES: "PERHAPES BY ATTRIBUTING TO SOVIET UNION ALLEGED IDEA OF RECOGNIZING SERBIAN GOVERNMENT -IN-EXILE, WP WISHES TO RAISE GHOSTS OF YALTA AND STRENGTHEN PRETENSIONS TO ITS OWN'PART OF YUGOSLAVIA." POLITIKA ADDS THAT ALTHOUGH "OFFICIAL AMERICA" DOES NOT MAKE SUCH INTERPRETATION, THIS IS "HARMFUL PRECEDENT" FOR IT ADVANCES IDEAS ALSO EXPRESSED IN PAST BY NEW YORK TIME, AND SUGGESTS THAT "SUCH IDEAS DO EXIST AND ARE TAKEN FROM ARCHIVES WHEN NEEDED TO APPLY CERTAIN PRESSURES."

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3. BORBA'S DEC 7 EDIT BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR BLAGOJE LAZIC ALSO SEES DEEPER MEANING IN WP EDIT. SUCH VIEWS MIGHT BE DISMISSED, WRITES LAZIC, BUT AKEŃ TOGETHER WITH RECENT SULZBERGER ATTACK ON YUGOSLAVIA IN NY TIMES, "THIS WHOLE COLLECTION OF NONSENSE BEGINS TO APPEAR IN DIFFERENT LIGHT." EDIT OBSERVES THAT SUCH CHALLENGING, ARROGANT AND ABSURD ATTACKS ON OUR COUNTRY "HAVE BECOME SOME SORT OF FASHION IN U.S." TOON

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